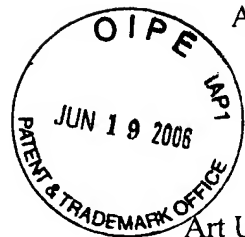


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 28, 2005, please amend the above-captioned patent application as set forth below.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 8 of this paper and include substitute drawing sheets.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.